IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE)	
INSURANCE COMPANY,)	
)	
Plaintiff,	.)	
)	
V.)	CIVIL ACTION NO.
)	2:06cv151-MHT
)	
FREIGHT PRO. INC., and)	
THE ESTATE OF JAMES B.)	
PINCKARD,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

JOINT MOTION FOR DISMISSAL AND DISCHARGE OF FURTHER LIABILITY

COMES NOW Plaintiff American General Life Insurance Company ("American General") and Defendant Estate of James B. Pinckard ("Pinckard Estate") and jointly requests the entry of an order dismissing this matter, awarding the proceeds of American General Policy No. A10103486L to the Pinckard Estate, discharging American General and awarding attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$4502.13. In support of this Motion, Plaintiff and Defendant state as follows:

- 1. On or about August 28, 1993, American General Life Insurance Company, issued its Policy No. A10103486L to insure the life of James B. Pinckard. The face amount of the Policy No. A10103486L is \$250,000.
- 2. Policy No. A10103486L named Freight Pro, Inc. as the primary beneficiary. There was no contingent beneficiary named in the policy.
 - 3. On or about July 23, 2005, James B. Pinckard died.

- 4. The Estate of James B. Pinckard has filed a claim for benefits under Policy No. A10103486L.
- 5. On February 21, 2006 this action was instituted by American General under Rule 22 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 6. On May 16, 2006, American General deposited the proceeds of Policy No. A10103486L into the Registry of the Court.
- 7. Defendant Freight Pro, Inc. has now been dissolved and has disclaimed any interests in the proceeds to Policy No. A10103486L. *See* Exhibit A hereto.
- 8. As such, American General and the Pinckard Estate jointly request the following relief from the Court:
 - a. that the proceeds of Policy No. A10103486L, plus applicable interest, be paid to the Estate of James B. Pinckard;
 - b. that the Court will enter an award of attorneys fees and costs to American General in the amount of \$4502.13; See Affidavit of David P. Donahue, attached as Exhibit B hereto.
 - c. that any claims regarding the benefits payable under Policy Number A10103486L asserted or capable of being asserted by Defendants are hereby dismissed with prejudice and Defendants are hereby permanently enjoined from instituting or pursuing any suit or proceedings in any state or federal court for the recovery of the proceeds of Policy Number A10103486L or relating in any way to American General's actions with respect to the handling of this claim; and

¹In an interpleader action, costs and attorney's fees are generally awarded in the discretion of the court, to the plaintiff who initiates the interpleader as a mere disinterested stake holder. See Perkins State Bank v. Connolly, 632 F.2d 1306, 1311 (5th Cir. 1980); Prudential Insurance Company of America v. Boyd, 781 F.2d. 1494 (11th Cir. 1986).

d. American General is discharged from all further liability under or relating to the proceeds of Policy Number A10103486L, other than as ordered by this Court.

Respectfully submitted this 31 day of August, 2006.

/s/ David P. Donahue
David P. Donahue (DON025)

Attorney for Plaintiff, American General Life Insurance Company

OF COUNSEL:

MAYNARD, COOPER & GALE, P.C.

1901 6th Avenue North Suite 2400, AmSouth/Harbert Plaza Birmingham, AL 35203-2618 (205) 254-1000 (205) 254-1999 fax

/s/ Allen C. Jones
Allen C. Jones

Attorney for Defendant, Estate of James B. Pinckard

OF COUNSEL:

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EXHIBIT A

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION OF FREIGHTPRO, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-2B-14.02 Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Dissolution for the purpose of dissolving the corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is Freightpro, Inc..

SECOND: A Consent to Dissolution executed by the shareholders of the corporation is also being filed in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Montgomery County, Alabama, on this date.

THIRD: All debts, obligations and liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision has been made therefor.

FOURTH: All remaining property and assets of the corporation have been distributed to the shareholders.

FIFTH: There are no suits pending against the corporation in any court in respect of which adequate provision has not been made for the satisfaction of any judgment, order, or decree which may be entered against it.

Dated this 30 day of May, 2006.

Freightpyo, Inc.

James Ronald Pinckard, President

PIKE COUNTY.

I, Gay Nell Beck, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that James Ronald Pinckard, whose name as President of Freightpro, Inc. is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date, that, being informed of the contents thereof, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation on the day the same bears date and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Witness my hand and seal on this 30 day of _____, 2006.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

CONSENT TO DISSOLUTION OF FREIGHTPRO, INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, being the
shareholders of FREIGHTPRO, Inc., hereby consent and agree that FREIGHTPRO, Inc. be
dissolved and that the attached statements together with Articles of Dissolution be executed and
Dated this 30 day of May, 2006. James Ronald Pinckard, as Co-Executor under the Will of James Pinckard, deceased
Edward Curtis Pinckard, as Co-Executor under the Will of James Pinckard, deceased
Stella Ann Pinckard Strickland, as Co-Executor under the Will of James Pinckard, deceased

STATE OF ALABAMA,

PIKE COUNTY.

I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that James Ronald Pinckard, whose name as Co-Executor under the Will of James Pinckard, deceased, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents thereof, he executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Witness my hand and seal this 30 day of may, 2006

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> GAY R. BECK Notary Public, AL Sass at Large My Comm. Expires July 29, 2008

STATE OF ALABAMA,			
COUNTY.			
I, the undersigned Notary Public in a Edward Curtis Pinckard, whose name as Codeceased, is signed to the foregoing instrume on this day, that, being informed of the the day the same bears date. Witness my hand and seal this	o-Executor un nent and who i contents there	ider the Will of James Pinckard, is known to me, acknowledged before of, he executed the same voluntarily of	
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I, the undersigned Notary Public in Stella Ann Pinckard Strickland, whose nam deceased, is signed to the foregoing instrumme on this day, that, being informed of the the day the same bears date. Witness my hand and seal this	ne as Co-Exec nent and who contents there	is known to me, acknowledged before eof, she executed the same voluntarily	
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Dated this 30 day of ______, 2006.

Freightp/o, Inc.

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I, <u>Cay Nell Beck</u>, a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that James Ronald Pinckard, whose name as President of Freightpro, Inc. is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this date, that, being informed of the contents thereof, he, as such officer and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily for and as the act of said corporation on the day the same bears date and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Witness my hand and seal on this 30 day of 1904, 2006.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,	

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Witness my hand and seal this 30 day of may, 2006.

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Dated this 20 day of May 2006.

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Witness my hand and seal this $\mathcal{L}IH$ day of $\mathcal{M}AY$, 2006.

May M. Johnson CNOTARYPUBLIC MCE 07-11-07

STATE OF ALABAMA,

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I, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, hereby certify that Stella Ann Pinckard Strickland, whose name as Co-Executor under the Will of James Pinckard, deceased, is signed to the foregoing instrument and who is known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents thereof, she executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Witness my hand and seal this 267# day of mAY, 2006.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

FREIGHTPRO, INC.

James Ronald Pinckard, Edward Curtis Pinckard, and Stella Ann Pinckard Strickland held a meeting on the 30 day of 2006, for the purpose of discussing the status of Freightpro, Inc..

It was noted that, upon information and belief, James Pinckard was the sole shareholder of the corporation upon his death. The pending litigation filed by American General Life Insurance Company is being handled by Allen C. Jones. Mr. Jones, as attorney, has contacted the corporation's accountant, Danny Newman, seeking any information regarding the corporation. Mr. Jones has reported that all files of Freightpro, Inc., maintained by Wilson, Price, Barranco and Billingsly have been destroyed. Danny Newman informed Mr. Jones that the retention period for records is seven (7) years and that Mr. Newman specifically recalled the following:

- 1. No activity has been performed by Wilson, Price, et al in over seven (7) years for the corporation.
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- 3. The lawsuit filed against Freightpro, Inc. by Xtra Lease, Inc. was settled many years ago.
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Based upon this information, Mr. Jones has advised the undersigned to dissolve Freightpro, Inc. and the dissolution documents will be submitted in the American General litigation. It is the opinion of Mr. Jones that the following should then occur:

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Upon information and belief (since no corporate records exist or can be located), James Pinckard was the sole shareholder, director, and officer on the date of his death. In order to proceed with dissolution of the corporation, the undersigned shareholders consent to the following action:

- 1. **BE IT RESOLVED,** that James Ronald Pinckard, Edward Curtis
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- 2. **BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Directors does hereby elect James Ronald Pinckard as President, Edward Curtis Pinckard as Vice President, and Pinckard Strickland as Secretary.
 - 3. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that James Ronald Pinckard, as President, is hereby authorized to proceed with dissolution of Freightpro, Inc. and to sign any and all documents as may be necessary to consummate dissolution thereof.

The undersigned hereby waive notice of this meeting and consent to the action taken.

There being no	further business,	, the meeting was adjourned.	
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Defendants.	
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF	REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS
STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON)

Before me, a Notory Public in said county and state, personally appeared, David P. Donahue, who is known to me and who after being duly swore deposes and says as follows:

- 1. My name is David P. Donahue. I am over the age of nineteen (19) years. I am an attorney practicing with the firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale, P.C. at is offices in Birmingham, Alabama. I have personal knowledge of the matters asserted herein.
- 2. Maynard, Cooper & Gale was hired by American General Life Insurance Company ("American General"), the stakeholder in this action, to assist them in the above captioned interpleader action.
- 3. In that capacity, Maynard, Cooper & Gale performed legal work on the behalf of American General in the amount of \$4,502.13.

Further the affiant sayeth not.

David P. Donahue

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 31 day of August, 2006

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires 2/04/03

[NOTARIAL SEAL]